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Biblical Truth About Abortion, Part 1: Was Child Sacrifice Common in Biblical Times?

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Abortion has been increasingly normalized in many nations for decades. In the United States, according to [Gallup](#) and other polling, most Americans support aborting babies for some or any reasons. Consequently Americans have aborted 67 millions of their own children! It appears the USA and many other nations are like ancient nations who sacrificed their children. So let's begin by looking at the Biblical account of ancient nations who sacrificed children. This is the first in a series examining what the Bible reveals about child sacrifice, how GOD views child sacrifice (and abortion), and what happened to nations who sacrificed their children.



The first question: Was child sacrifice common in Biblical times? Yes, in certain nations. Sacrificing children to false gods was a cultural norm among the peoples of the land of Canaan. When The LORD brought Abraham to that land and promised to give it to him forever, He said his descendants would not possess it until after they were “enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.” Then, when “the iniquity of the Amorite is . . . complete,” He would bring His people out of Egypt and give them the land (Genesis 15). What was “the iniquity of the Amorite”? Idolatry, immorality and child sacrifice that deeply permeated and corrupted the nations in the land of Canaan. That region was the world capital of child sacrifice. GOD used Israel to bring His judgement.

The following Scriptures reveal that the pagan nations The LORD commanded Israel to destroy (but they never did completely) practiced Idolatry and child sacrifice (see Deuteronomy passage). For 500 to 700 years, Israel did not sacrifice children, but then the 10 tribes of Israel, and later Judah, did so (see the other passages) – which eventually resulted in GOD judging them and expelling most of them from the promised land.

Deuteronomy 12:29-31: “29 When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, 30 beware that

you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?' 31 You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods."

2 Kings 16:3: "But he [King Ahaz of Judah, 735-750 B.C.] walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and even made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had driven out from before the sons of Israel."

2 Kings 21:1-2, 6, 16: "1 Manasseh . . . became king [of Judah, 687-729 B.C.] . . . He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel. ... 6 He made his son pass through the fire . . . He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking [Him to anger.] ... 16 Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD."

Jeremiah 7:30-31: "'30 For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight,' declares the LORD, 'they have set their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. 31 They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind.'"

Psalms 106:34-39: "34 They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them, 35 But they mingled with the nations and learned their practices, 36 and served their idols, which became a snare to them. 37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons, 38 and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with the blood. 39 Thus they became unclean in their practices, and played the harlot in their deeds."

PRAY that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes and understanding of Americans – clergy, the Church, government leaders, teachers, students, media, etc. – to see our nation, what we have done and what we are doing, as The LORD sees us; and bring us back to Him in repentance.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, the sacred gift of liberty, and remembrance of the babies,

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